

National Training for Counselors and Mentors



Funding Education
Beyond High School

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Searching for Scholarships



Federal Sources

- U.S. Department of Education
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Armed Forces



State and Institutional Sources

- Insert URL for state aid agency
- Insert URLs for institutions



Private Sources

- Foundations
- Community organizations and civic groups
- Religious or ethnicity-based organizations
- Organizations related to student's field
- Local businesses and employers



Internet Research Tools



Typical On-line Scholarship Search

- <http://studentaid.gov/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>
- Never pay for scholarship searches
- Always use free searches!
- Other resources available



Typical On-line Scholarship Search

- Pay close attention to application deadlines
- Guidelines on when and how to apply
- Department of Labor scholarship search engine:
<http://www.careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch/ScholarshipCategory.asp?searchtype=category&nodeid=22>



Typical On-line Scholarship Search

- www.scholarships.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.unigo.com/scholarships
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/grants-scholarships>
- <http://www.goodcall.com/scholarships/search>



Avoiding Financial Aid Fraud



Fraud Warning Signs

- Students unaware of free resources
- Students pay for help or “guaranteed” aid before seeking advice from knowledgeable adult



Common Fraud Complaints

- Paying for guaranteed aid and not receiving anything
- Paying for help to find aid
- Paying to file the FAFSA



Resources for Avoiding Financial Aid Fraud



Resources

- Save Your Money, Save Your Identity
<http://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/save-your-money-and-identity.pdf>
- Don't Get Scammed On Your Way To College:
<http://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/dont-get-scammed.pdf>
- Contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP or
<http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams>
- 1-800-MIS-USED (1-800-647-8733)
- Formal Feedback or to File a Complaint:
<https://feedback.studentaid.ed.gov>



Federal Trade Commission Site

- <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/>
- File a Consumer Complaint
- Report Identity Theft
- Get Your Free Credit Report
- Order Free Resources



Questions/Discussion



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